

enhancement of the municipality or county or any part thereof within its area of planning and zoning jurisdiction, including public ways and areas, open spaces, and public and private buildings and projects.

- (6) To participate, in any way deemed appropriate by the governing body of the municipality or county and specified in the ordinance establishing the commission, in the implementation of its plans. To this end, the governing body may include in the ordinance the following powers:
- a. To request from the proper officials of any public agency or body, including agencies of the State and its political subdivisions, its plans for public buildings, facilities, or projects to be located within the municipality or its area of planning and zoning jurisdiction of the city or county.
  - b. To review these plans and to make recommendations regarding their aesthetic suitability to the appropriate agency, or to the municipality or county planning or governing board. All plans shall be reviewed by the commission in a prompt and expeditious manner, and all recommendations of the commission with regard to any public project shall be made in writing. Copies of the recommendation shall be transmitted promptly to the planning or governing body of the city or county, and to the appropriate agency.
  - c. To formulate and recommend to the appropriate municipal planning or governing board the adoption or amendment of ordinances (including the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and other local ordinances regulating the use of property) that will, in the opinion of the commission, serve to enhance the appearance of the municipality and its surrounding areas.
  - d. To direct the attention of city or county officials to needed enforcement of any ordinance that may in any way effect the appearance of the city or county.
  - e. To seek voluntary adherence to the standards and policies of its plans.
  - f. To enter in the performance of its official duties and at reasonable times, upon private lands and make examinations or surveys.
  - g. To promote public interest in and an understanding of its recommendations, studies, and plans, and to that end to prepare, publish, and distribute to the public such studies and reports as will, in the opinion of the commission, advance the cause of improved municipal or county appearance.
  - h. To conduct public meetings and hearings, giving reasonable notice to the public thereof. (1971, c. 896, s. 6; c. 1058).

160A-453. Staff services; advisory council. - The commission may recommend to the municipal or county governing board suitable arrangements for the procurement or provision of staff or technical services for the commission, and the governing board may appropriate such amount as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes for which it was created. The commission may establish an advisory council or other committees. (1971, c. 896, s. 6; c. 1058)

160A-454. Annual report. - The commission shall, no later than April 15 of each year, submit to the municipal or county governing body a written report of its activities, a statement of its expenditures to date for the current fiscal year, and its requested budget for the next fiscal year. All accounts and funds of the commission shall be administered substantially in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Fiscal Control Act or the County Fiscal Control Act. (1971, c. 896, s. 6; 1058.)